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Attn: State Board of Fire Services

At the request of the FIRESCOPE Board of Directors, and in consultation with many fire service professionals, I have approved the extension of the CICCS Historical Recognition Program to December 31, 2005. This extension goes beyond the July 1, 2005 recommendation from FIRESCOPE. However, I believe this change is not in conflict with the FIRESCOPE Board of Director's intent. The December 31, 2005 extension accomplishes all of the same objectives for CICCS review and certification. In addition the extension allows a full "wildland fire season" for historical recognition work assignments. The extension also can promote transition to complete task booklets required under the CICCS system. The additional six (6) months will also allow further development of related components including request and dispatch protocols. Transition to the use of task booklets, additional time for review committees and dispatch/response criteria are all critical to sustaining CICCS in the long term.

Local fire chiefs are supportive of the CICCS. I believe the additional six (6) months of historical recognition will allow a smoother transition and greater acceptance of this professional qualifications program.

Finally, the date of December 31, 2005 is firm. The Historical recognition period will indeed end on this date.

Sincerely

Ruben *Sf*ijalva **State Fire Marshal** 

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FIRESCOPE Board of Directors
California Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Chiefs Dept., CA League of Cities
California Metro Chiefs
Fire Districts Association of California